COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: March 9, 2020
AGENDA NUMBER: 7
ITEM: Advisory Committees Report

AGENDA: Policy Discussion Information

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive Report

BACKGROUND
The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Thursday, February 13th, 2020. Updates from those meetings are underlined.

- The next CAC meeting is on Wednesday, March 11th, 4:45 pm at the District Office.
- The next TAC meeting is on Thursday, March 12th, 8:30 am at the District Office.

ISSUES/CONCERNS

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)
1. Jim Lindahl is once again the liaison to the CAC from the Anoka Conservation District.
2. Rebecca Haug, City of Blaine Water Resource Manager, and Sam Villella, a Master Water Steward from the City of Blaine, presented on the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary, discussing how wetland credits work and how the restoration of the sanctuary is going.
   a. Sam also discussed what it is like to be a Master Water Steward
3. Doering gave updates on the spring flooding forecast, the new staff hire, the water quality cost-share program, and the plans to refresh the logo & website
4. Dornfeld reviewed how the Citizen Chloride Monitoring program is going

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
1. There was an overview of the District’s hydrology and the flood forecast for the Coon Creek system
2. The NPDES Rule update was discussed, looking at the proposed changes to the MS4 permit
   a. It was highlighted that there are 14 new tasks in MCM 1 & 2 alone
3. The proposed fee increase by the MPCA to administer the MS4 program was discussed
   a. Blaine indicated that the proposed fee schedule is a significant increase; for the City of Blaine, the fee is going up from $400 per each 5-year permit term to ~$9,000 per year
   b. There was a discussion regarding budget shortfalls for existing municipal stormwater programs and that fee increases would mean certain programs or projects would need to be cut

RECOMMENDATION
Receive Report